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JULY 20, 1967

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B., WATERVILLE JULY 1:

WARDEN ORAL PAGE, BELGRADE: COON COMPLAINTS VERY NUMEROUS THIS YEAR.

HAVE SEEN ONE BROOD OF GROUSE ABOUT HALF GROWN.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: ERNEST MERCHANT OF MASSACHUSETTS, A SUMMER RESIDENT OF JEFFERSON, CAUGHT AN 8 POUND, 9 OUNCE SALMON OUT OF DAMARISCOTTA LAKE JULY 2. HE MANAGES TO CATCH A SALMON FOR HIS 4TH OF JULY DINNER ALMOST EVERY YEAR. DEER ARE SHOWING UP WELL.

WARDEN GEORGE EDWARDS, MT. VERNON: FISHING STILL SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE SLOW HERE, BUT THERE ARE STILL A FEW SALMON BEING TAKEN IN LONG POND AT BELGRADE. ALSO SOME FAIR SIZED BASS ARE BEING TAKEN IN GREAT POND. HAD ONE BASS FROM LONG POND THAT MADE THE CLUB THIS WEEK, 5 POUNDS, 2 OUNCES. HAVE SIGHTED NO PARTRIDGE BROODS AND AM NOT SEEING MANY DEER.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALTER BISSET, JR., DIV. C, ELLSWORTH, JUNE 25:

WARDEN LEON GILPATRICK, BELFAST: FISHING HAS BEEN SLOW THIS PAST WEEK. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN VERY BAD. DEER NOT SHOWING UP VERY GOOD. THEY PROBABLY WILL AFTER THE FARMERS GET THEIR HAY CUT. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF RAIN THIS PAST WEEK. IT HAS BROUGHT THE BROOKS AND RIVERS UP AGAIN. CROP DAMAGES HAVE STARTED.

WARDEN LYLE FROST, SULLIVAN: RAINS DURING THE PAST WEEK BROUGHT FISHING TO A STANDSTILL BUT BROUGHT STREAM AND POND WATER LEVELS UP TO A VERY GOOD HEIGHT. TWO DEER WERE KILLED BY AUTOS THIS LAST WEEK; ONE, A DOE, LEFT AT LEAST ONE FAWN IN HIDING WHICH I WAS UNABLE TO FIND.

FROM WARDEN EDWIN WUORI, AMHERST: THERE MUST BE SOME GOOD GAME FISH WAITING TO BE TAKEN IN SEVERAL WATERS IN MY DISTRICT, AS PEOPLE SEEM TO BE IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY TO TAKE THE TIME TO FISH FOR THEM. THERE IS MORE TRAFFIC THAN EVER ON THE ROADS, BUT PEOPLE HAVE GEARED THEIR LIVES TO DOING EVERYTHING IN A GREAT HURRY. PERHAPS THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT ALTHOUGH YOU CAN'T FISH IN A HURRY, IT'S THE LEISURELY PACE OF FISHING THAT MAKES IT WORTHWHILE. SLOWING DOWN TO FISH IS A GOOD WAY TO GET AWAY FROM THE "RATRACE."

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN F. SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, JULY 12:

WARDEN MARTIN SAVAGE, OQUOSSOC: AT 6 A.M. ONE RECENT MORNING, I GOT A CALL REPORTING TWO MEN IN THE WATERS OF MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC LAKE. I CALLED A DOCTOR AND ARRIVED AT THE SCENE SHORTLY AFTER A FATHER AND SON HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY HENRY ARSENAULT OF RUMFORD. THE PAIR EXPLAINED THEIR BOAT HAD STRUCK A ROCK THE NIGHT BEFORE AT ABOUT 11:30 P.M. THEY HAD CLUNG TO THE BOAT THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT UNTIL THEY WERE RESCUED AT

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6 A.M. THE DOCTOR FOUND THE FATHER'S BODY TEMPERATURE TO BE 94 DEGREES SHORTLY AFTER HIS RESCUE. THIS INCIDENT POINTS UP NOT ONLY THE HUMAN BODY'S ABILITY TO ENDURE ADVERSE CONDITIONS BUT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF LIVES SAVED BECAUSE THESE MEN REFUSED TO LEAVE THEIR OVERTURNED BOAT. WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: I HAVE CHECKED SEVERAL BASS WEIGHING OVER THREE POUNDS TAKEN FROM NORTH POND RECENTLY. PARTRIDGES ARE SHOWING UP BETTER NOW. LOOKS LIKE A GOOD CROP OF YOUNG BIRDS. ONE DAY THIS WEEK A LARGE BULL MOOSE APPEARED ON THE ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER JUST ABOVE THE NEW BRIDGE IN BETHEL. NOISE AND TRAFFIC DIDN'T SEEM TO DISTURB HIM VERY MUCH. BOATING AND FISHING ACTIVITY SEEMS TO BE DOWN SOMEWHAT COMPARED TO OTHER YEARS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, JUNE 30:

WE ARE HAVING QUITE A FEW DEER KILLED BY CARS. FISHING, ON THE WHOLE, IS HOLDING UP PRETTY WELL THIS YEAR. SOME GOOD BASS FISHING IS BEING REPORTED.

I WOULD SAY THIS HAS BEEN A LOONEY WEEK. AARON JOHNSON OF LINCOLN REPORTED TWO LOONS FIGHTING AT FOLSOM POND. ONE KILLED THE OTHER. WARDENS BOB SMITH AND WARREN HASSON OBSERVED SOME SORT OF A DUEL AT SEBOEIS BETWEEN A LOON AND A MOOSE. THE LOON WOULD RUSH AT THE MOOSE BEATING ITS WINGS AND SCREAMING. THE MOOSE WOULD THEN LAY ITS EARS BACK AND RUSH AT THE LOON AND CHASE IT OUT INTO DEEPER WATER. THIS STRANGE DUEL WENT ON FOR SOME TIME. EVIDENTLY THE MOOSE HAD GOTTEN TOO CLOSE TO THE LOON'S NEST. I HAVE SEEN SEVERAL FLOCKS OF YOUNG GROUSE. WE ARE GETTING A FEW COMPLAINTS OF BEARS RAIDING GARBAGE CANS AND IN ONE CASE A GARDEN. FOOD FOR THEM IS NOT PLENTIFUL JUST NOW IN THE WOODS. THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE BERRY CROP.

FROM SUPERVISOR PRIEST, JULY 11:

THE MOSQUITOES CELEBRATED THANKSGIVING OR "FEAST DAY" ON OUR JULY 4TH HOLIDAY. THERE WERE SO MANY DIFFERENT BLOOD TYPES TO CHOOSE FROM THEY WERE ABLE TO TAKE THEIR PICK OR SAMPLE EVERY BLOOD TYPE KNOWN TO MAN FROM THE MANY PEOPLE CAMPING DURING THE LONG WEEK END. SOME OF THE INSECTS WHICH I SWATTED EVEN HAD ALCOHOL ON THEIR BREATH! FISHING FOR COLD-WATER SPECIES HAS SLOWED UP SOMEWHAT WITH THE ADVENT OF WARM WEATHER BUT PERCH, PICKEREL AND BASS FISHING IS PICKING UP. MANY REPORTS OF BEAR AND MOOSE BEING SEEN AND QUITE A FEW DEER BEING HIT BY CARS. WARDENS SHERWOOD HOWES AND DANA TOOTHAKER APPREHENDED OUR FIRST DEER POACHER OF THE YEAR THIS WEEK. WITH THE PRICE OF MEAT BEING WHAT IT IS, I PREDICT THERE WILL BE MORE PEOPLE TAKING THE CHANCE.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. I, STOCKHOLM, JULY 13:

WE HAD ONE SMALL COW MOOSE KILLED ON THE INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO. ROAD LAST MONTH BY AUTO, AND WE HAD TWO SICK MOOSE IN THE DIVISION. BOTH WERE YOUNG BULL MOOSE. ONE AT ALLAGASH DIED, AND THE OTHER WARDEN JOHN CRABTREE AND PILOT DICK VARNEY PUT A HALTER ON AND LED BACK INTO THE WOODS WEST OF EAGLE LAKE. IT HAD BEEN STAYING IN THE TOWN OF EAGLE LAKE FOR ABOUT A WEEK. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS ONE MADE IT OR NOT, BUT ACCORDING TO JOHN IT WAS VERY WEAK.

RECENTLY WARDEN GARY PELLETIER AND I COUNTED 48 DEER FROM DESOLATION POND TO THE OXFORD CO. GATE. FROM THE DAAQUAM WARDEN HOUSE TO UMSASKIS LAKE CAMP, I COUNTED 23 MORE DURING THE SAME NIGHT.

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FISHING HAS PICKED UP AGAIN IN THE LAKES IN THE DIVISION AS WELL AS IN THE BROOKS, STREAMS, AND RIVERS. MANY FINE CATCHES OF SALMON HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT SQUARE LAKE AND LONG LAKE. DEEP TROLLING WITH SPOONS IS BEING USED BY MOST OF THE FISHERMEN. SOME ARE DOING QUITE WELL "STILL FISHING" OFF THE ENTRANCE TO THE SQUARE LAKE-EAGLE LAKE THOROUGHFARE. PILOT VARNEY AND I COUNTED 13 BOATS ANCHORED IN A SMALL CLUSTER LAST WEEK. GROUSE ARE SHOWING UP VERY WELL, AND HARE ARE ALMOST UNCOUNTABLE, WHEN DRIVING ALONG THE ROADS IN THE EVENING. LAST MONTH WE COUNTED 2,734 HARE AS AGAINST 1,234 A YEAR AGO. IF THE NUMBER OF ROAD KILLS HAD BEEN COUNTED IT WOULD MOST LIKELY ADD ANOTHER 1,000 TO THE TOTAL. ANOTHER MOOSE WAS REPORTED HIT BY A VEHICLE ON THE OXFORD PAPER CO. ROAD YESTERDAY. NO DOUBT IT DIED OF INJURIES BUT COULD NOT BE LOCATED BY WARDEN GARY PELLETIER.